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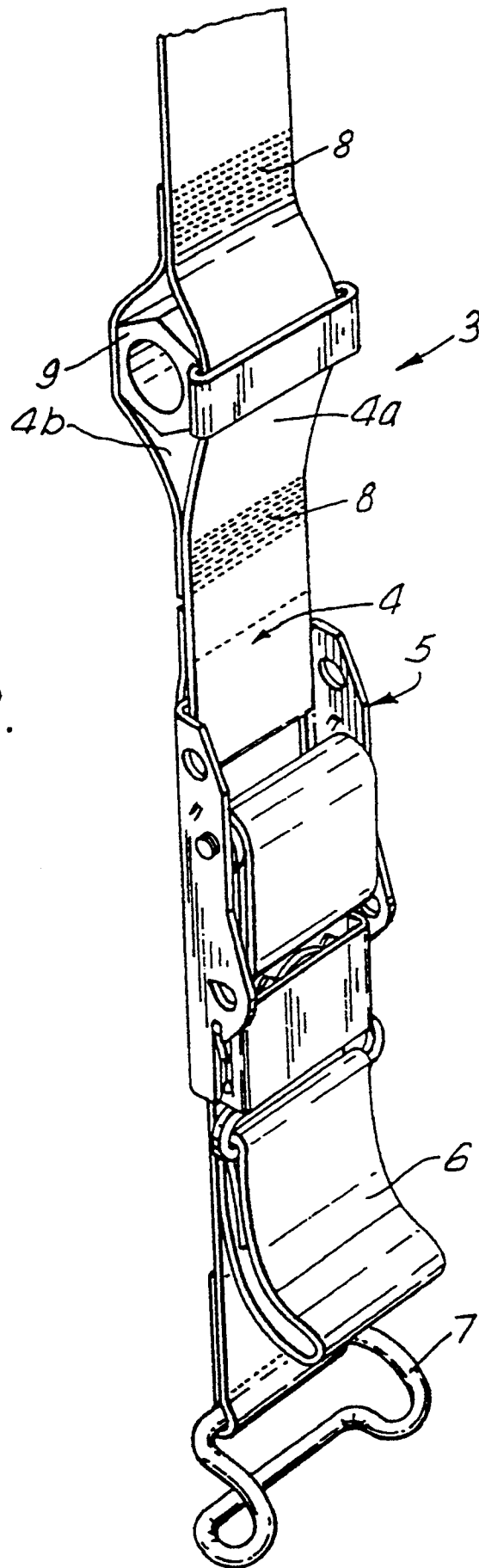
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(54) **Tensioning straps and tension indicator therefor.**

(57) To indicate a predetermined degree of tension in a strap (4) securing, for example, the curtain side of a trailer or lorry an elastomeric tube (9) is positioned between strap portions (4a, 4b). Increased tension on the strap (4) squeezes the tube (9). A predetermined degree of approach, e.g. contact, between opposed wall portions (11, 13) indicates a predetermined tension on the strap. The tube (9) may be retained in the strap in the absence of tension by a bridge (20) through which a strap portion passes.

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Fig. 2.





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